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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of REM et al.

Application No. 10/088,429

Examiner: Rodriguez, J.

Filed: March 15, 2002

Group Art Unit: 3653

For: METHOD OF SEPARATING PARTICLES IN A FLUID MEDIUM AND AN  
APPARATUS THEREFOR**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT****CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING**

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Sir:

This response is in reply to a restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 18, 2004, in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a response due on or before March 18, 2004. This response is timely filed.

**REMARKS**

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement and requires election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 35 U.S.C. §372:

- Group I: Claims 1-13, drawn to a method and apparatus for separating particles.
- Group II: Claims 14-15 and 18-19, drawn to a method and apparatus for separating particles.
- Group III: Claims 16-17 and 20, drawn to a method and apparatus for separating particles.

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